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SUBJECT: DEPARTMENT STATEMENT ON YUGOSLAV UN MISSION
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HERE IS THE TEXT OF THE VOLUNTARY STATEMENT AND A FOLLOW-
ON Q AND A MADE AT THE NOON BRIEFING JUNE 14:

BEGIN TEXT:

--- THE DEPARTMENT CONDEMNS THE WANTON ASSAULT BY
TERRORISTS ON THE YUGOSLAV UNITED NATIONS MISSION YES-
TERDAY IN WHICH AN EMPLOYEE OF THE MISSION WAS SERIOUSLY
INJURED.

--- ON BEHALF OF THE ACTING SECRETARY OF STATE, I WOULD
LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR DEEP SYMPATHY TO MR. RADOMIR MEDIC,
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THE INJURED PARTY, AND OUR HOPES FOR HIS EARLY RECOVERY.

--- ACTIONS OF THIS KIND--THE TWA HIJACKING LAST SEP-
TEMBER WHICH LED TO THE DEATH OF A NEW YORK CITY POLICE-
MAN AND THE EVENT OF YESTERDAY--RECKLESSLY ENDANGER THE
LIVES OF INNOCENT PERSONS.

--- IT IS OUR EXPECTATION THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR YESTERDAY'S VIOLENT ENTRY INTO THE YUGOSLAV MISSION WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW.

--- YESTERDAY BOTH THE ACTING SECRETARY AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR EUROPEAN AFFAIRS EXPRESSED TO THE YUGOSLAV CHARGE D'AFFAIRES OUR PROFOUND REGRET AND CONDEMNATION OF THE TERRORIST ACTION.

--- THE FBI HAS BEEN REQUESTED TO CONTINUE AND INTENSIFY ITS INVESTIGATORY EFFORTS IN THIS MATTER.

--- Q: VIOLENCE ASIDE, DOES THE STATE DEPARTMENT BELIEVE ANY SORT OF A CASE CAN BE MADE FOR CROATIAN INDEPENDENCE OR AT LEAST SOME GREATER RECOGNITION OF THE SEPARATENESS OF THE CROATIANS AS A PEOPLE?

--- A: I CAN ANSWER YOU, I THINK, THIS WAY. THE POLITICAL DEMANDS OF THE TERRORISTS CONTRADICT U.S. FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES.

--- VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WHEN HE VISITED BELGRADE LAST MONTH SAID, AND I REPEAT IT NOW, THAT THE UNITED STATES FULLY SUPPORTS YUGOSLAVIA'S INDEPENDENCE, ITS UNITY, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, AND ITS ROLE AS AN UNALIGNED COUNTRY. END TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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